

Executive Director's Report

2008 Semiannual Meeting
Feb. 26-27 – Washington, D.C.



Great Lakes Commission Workplan

2008 - 2010

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Feb. 15, 2008

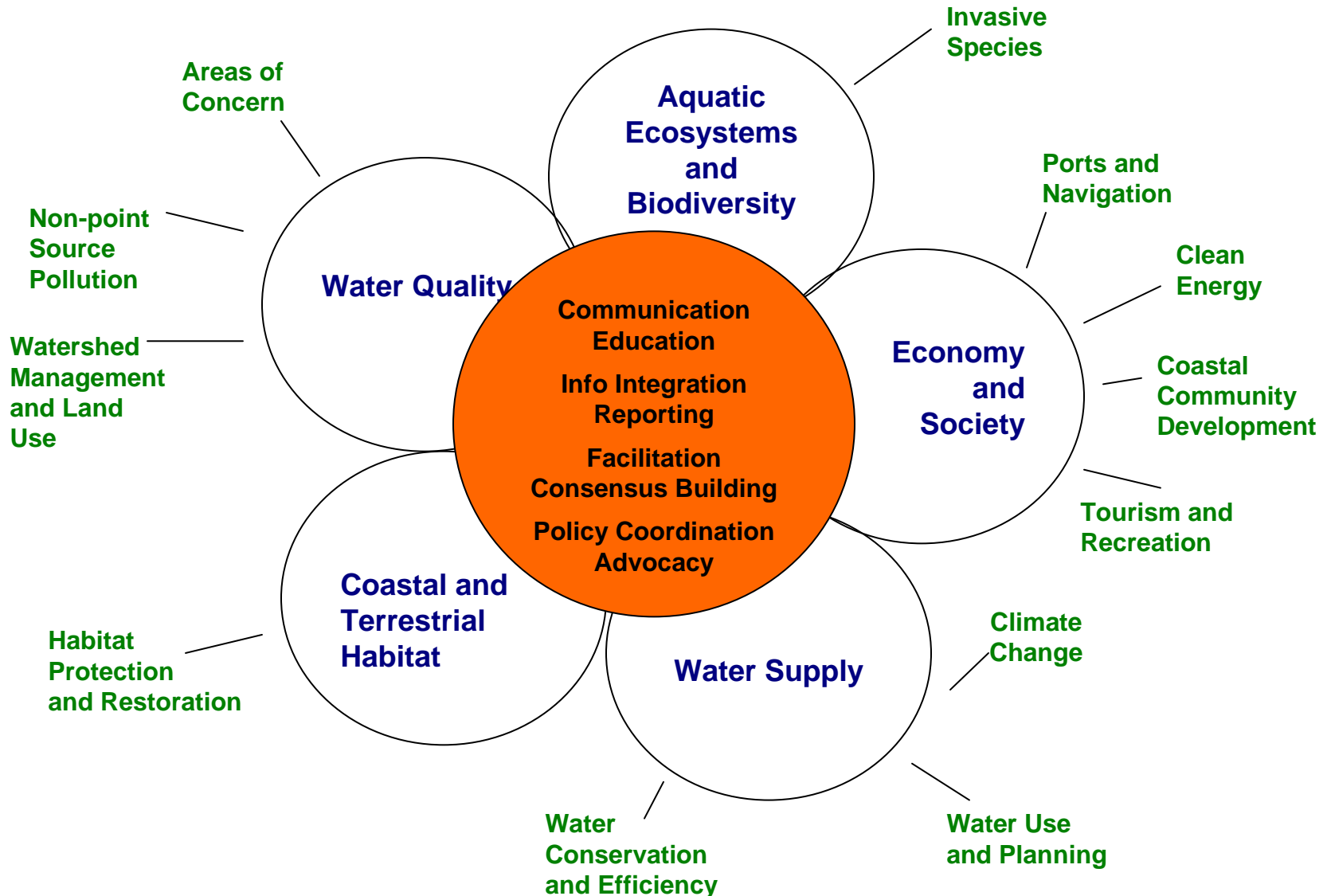
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In center circle – **CORE FUNCTIONS** (goals of strategic plan)

In surrounding circles – Proposed **PROGRAM AREAS**

Outermost text – Proposed **INITIATIVES**



Program Area – Aquatic Ecosystems and Biodiversity

Invasive Species

- Ballast water
- Species In Trade
- Microbes & pathogens monitoring



Program Area – Economy and Society

- Ports and Navigation
- Coastal Communities
- Tourism and Recreation



Program Area – Economy and Society

New Initiative

- Clean Energy

Great Lakes Wind
Collaborative



Program Area – Economy and Society



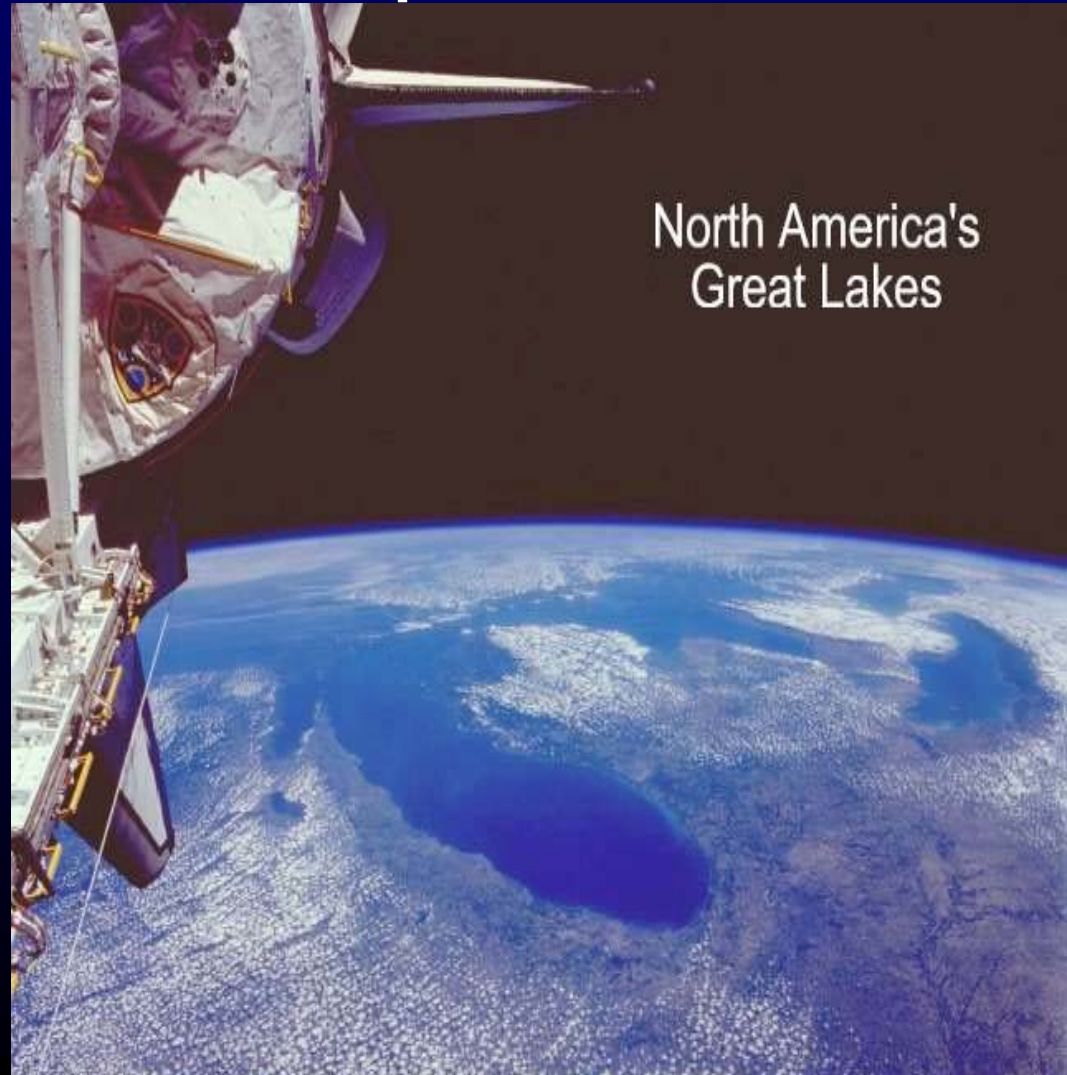
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Program Area – Water Management, Climate Change Impacts and Adaption

- Climate Change
- Water Use & Planning
- Conservation & Efficiency



North America's
Great Lakes

Program Area – Coastal and Terrestrial Habitat

Protection and Restoration

- Project Inventory and
- GLRC status report
 - Showcase success,
 - Document need



Program Area – Water Quality

- Watershed Management and Land Use
 - Ethanol report
- Areas of Concern
 - Legacy Act Task Force
- Nonpoint source
 - Air deposition
 - Farm Bill

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FINAL APPROVAL

MARCH 2008

Federal Legislation & Funding

Water Resources Development Act

Farm Bill

- conference committee

Great Lakes Legacy Act

- Reauthorize this year

Ballast water

- House bill soon??

Federal Funding

Administration's Budget for Next Year
Support for
Carp barrier
Great Lakes Legacy Act

The Cuts

Wastewater infrastructure – SRF
Great Lakes Fishery Commission
Wetlands, Air deposition, Soil erosion



Great Lakes Commission



Healing Our Waters® -
Great Lakes Coalition



Great Lakes Fishery
Commission



Great Lakes and St. Lawrence
Cities Initiative



Council of Great Lakes
Industries



Chippewa Ottawa
Resource Authority

- **Stop Aquatic Invasive Species:** Enact comprehensive legislation such as the *National Aquatic Invasive Species Act* (S. 725) to address aquatic invasive species. If passage of a comprehensive bill is not possible in 2008, we urge Congress to strengthen and pass legislation to ensure that commercial vessels entering the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence system meet uniform ballast water discharge requirements and legislation to screen species that might invade the region from non-ballast pathways. Fully fund the Great Lakes Fishery Commission to control sea lamprey and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete construction and operation of the dispersal barrier system on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal.
- **Clean Up Toxic Sediments:** Reauthorize the Great Lakes Legacy Act at \$150 million annually and fully fund the Act in FY2009 to continue to clean up contaminated sediments and restore Great Lakes "toxic hot spots."
- **Restore Great Lakes Wetlands:** Continue existing support and appropriate an additional \$28.5 million for Federal programs to partner with the States, Tribes, local governments and other non-federal partners in restoring 200,000 acres of Great Lakes wetlands. Appropriate \$16 million for the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act.
- **Protect Water Quality:** Restore funding and prevent further cuts to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (reduced by more than one-third in FY2008) by appropriating \$1.35 billion for FY2009. Great Lakes States will lose approximately \$143 million in funding this year as a result of the FY2008 cuts.